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SUBJECT: FURTHER INFO RE PROPOSED FY 78 US CONTRIBUTION TO UN

FUND FOR WOMEN'S DECADE AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE

USDEL IN RECEIPT UN COMMISSION INFORMATION WHICH SHOULD SERVE
JUSTIFY SUBJECT CONTRIBUTION FOR SEPT 20 REVIEW.

1. BAKCGROUND/STATUS:

(A) ALTHOUGH SERVING SEPARATE FUNCTIONS, FUND AND INSTITUTE
CONSIDERED BY UNGA AS INSTRUMENTAL FOR SUCCESS OF IMPLEMENTATION
WORLD PLAN OF ACTION AND PROGRAMME FOR DECADE. BOTH SUPPORTIVE
UN ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES, WITH SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES SERVING
INTERESTS WOMEN IN RURAL AREAS, AMONG URBAN POOR AND OTHER MARGINAL
GROUPS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. BOTH INTENDED AS CATALYTIC FORMS
TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFER IMPACTING ON WOMEN, AND BOTH TO PROVIDE
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SERVICES INSTRUMENTAL TO IMPROVEMENT UN REGULAR PROGRAM PROCESS.

THIS FULLY COMPATIBLE US POLICY DIRECTIVES FOR AID UNDER FY 1973
AND CURRENT AUTHORIZATION CONCEPTS.

(B) GA FUND ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED TO SUPPORT IWY, EXTENDED
BY ECOSOC TO COVER DECADE THROUGH 1985. ECOSOC RES. 2005
(LX) OF 12 MAY 1976, PROPOSES FOR UNGA APPROVAL, CERTAIN
CRITERIA AND MANAGEMENT OF FUND, INCLUDING ECOSOC ANNUAL REPORT
UNGA ON DETAILED ACCOUNT OF UTILIZATION.

(C) INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN, ALSO FINANCED THROUGH VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS,
TO BE ESTABLISHED NOT LATER THAN 1977, PROVIDING FUNDS AVAILABLE.
ECOSOC RES. 1998 (LX) OF 12 MAY COVERS PROGRESS TO THAT POINT.
UN COMMISSION ON STATUS OF WOMEN TO WORK CLOSELY WITH INSTITUTE
AND CURRENTLY DEVISING PHASED PLANNING OF PROGRAMME FOR INSTITUTE.
USDEL HOPEFUL 26TH SESSION NOW UNDERWAY GENEVA, WILL RESULT
COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS IN MORE DETAIL. IN INTERIM, HAVE
CONSULTED HELVA SEPILA, COMMISSION SECRETARIAT AND REPRESENTATIVES
REGIONAL COMMISSIONS FOR VIEWS.

2. DESCRIPTION OF PLANS FOR INSTITUTE:

(A) IN SUMMARY, COMMISSION SEES INSTITUTE IN SUPPORT NATIONAL AND
REGIONAL RESEARCH THROUGH (1) ASSISTANCE IN COLLATION OF
MATERIAL TO PROVIDE FOR CONSISTENCY IN FORMS AND DIRECTION OF
RESEARCH TO IMPACT ON NATIONAL AND REGIONAL PLANNING; (2)
TRAINING FOR RESEARCHERS ALREADY INVOLVED IN DATA DEVELOPMENT AND
ASSESSMENT WOMEN'S ROLES/STATUS IN RELATION DEVELOPMENT PROCESS;
(3) TECHNICAL GUIDANCE FOR RESEARCH, INCLUDING ADVISORS TO ASSIST
WITH METHODOLOGY AND ORGANIZATION FOR RESEARCH, BUILDING NETWORKS
AMONG AND BETWEEN REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, INSTITUTIONS, AGENCIES
AND WOMEN ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN PRODUCING OR USING DATA.
FORESEE ALSO, COLLABORATION WITH OTHER UN COLLECTION
AGENCIES SUCH AS ILO RE: WOMEN IN EMPLOYMENT; UNICEF AND WHO
RE: HEALTH, DISEASE CONTROL AND MATERNAL/CHILD HEALTH CARE;
UNCP ON VARIOUS ASPECTS/SECTORS DEVELOPMENT; AND UNFPA.

(B) FUTURE POSSIBILITIES INCLUDE FEFERRAL SERVICE FOR EXPERTS,
EVALUATION OF PROJECTS, SPONSORHIP CATALYTIC FORMS PILOT
PROJECTS ANDDD RESEARCH AFFECTING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF PRIORITY
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FOR WOMEN'S INTEGRATION IN TOTAL DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.
LATTER ELEMENT LIKLEY INCLUDE INTRODUCTION APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY
FOR RURAL WOMEN.

(C) AS INITIAL STEP, COMMISSION REPS APPEAR FAVOR SMALL
GROUP OF SIX AS CORE STAFF INCLUDING DOCUMENT/INFO SPECIALIST,
DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH SPECIALISTS, ADMIN/MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL.
BELIEVE NEED ESTABLISH DATA/INFO BANK, IDENTIFY RESOURCES

FOR RESEARCH AND POINTS OF DISTRIBUTION WHICH WILL ASSOCIATE WITH INSTITUTE IN FUTURE. ALSO HOPE WORK WITH HOST COUNTRY, NOT YET IDENTIFIED, ON PILOT BASIS TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL CENTER FOR COLLECTION INFO AND FOCAL POINT FOR FUTURE NETWORK. NOTE, COMMISSION MEETING REGULARLY WITH REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND INSTITUTES ALREADY ENGAGED IN PROJECTS IMPACTING ON WOMEN. ABOVE INFO LARGELY RESULT OF JULY MEETING.

(D) MAJOR ITEMS NOT YET RESOLVED ARE LOCATION AND FINANCING FOR INSTITUTE. ANTICIPATE ISSUE OF LOCATION TO BE RAISED IN CURRENT 26TH SESSION OF COMMISSION, WHICH IRANIAN PRINCESS ASHRAF, ATTENDING, PRESUMABLY TO REINFORCE ACCEPTANCE HER OFFER MADE LAST YEAR AT IWY CONFERENCE/ MEXICO TO HOST INSTITUTE AND PROVIDE INITIAL MILLION DOLLARS FUNDING.

3. BREAKDOWN OF PROJECTS UNDER FUND AS FOLLOWS: TOTAL DOLS 1,332,900.

(A) SUPPLEMENTAL ACTIVITIES FOR ONGOING PROGRAMS/PROJECTS UN AGENCIES INCLUDES COSTS FOR PROJECT OFFICER AND SECRETARY AT P-4 AND G-3 LEVELS RESPECTIVELY, CONSULTATIVE SERVICES TO UN AGENCIES AND SELECTED COUNTRIES; AND DOLS 400,000 FOR ACTIVITIES. TOTAL DOLS 458,850.

(B) SUPPORT ACTIVITIES OF REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND STRENGTHEN CENTER FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS (CSDHA) LINGAGES WITH COMMISSIONS FOR PROMOTING NEW CONCEPTS IN PROGRAM FORMULATION IN COMMISSIONS AND AMONG MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. THIS INCLUDES COORDINATION INFORMATION, POLICIES, AND RESROUCES AT HEADQUARTERS WITH COUNTRY PROGRAMS/PROJECTS IDENTIFIED AT LOCAL LEVELS. PROPOSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OFFICERS FOR FOUR WORLD REGIONS DEVELOPING AREAS AND POST AT CSDHA FOR NETWORK ACTIVITIES. ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY REGIONAL COMMISSIONS OR JOINTLY WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, INCLUDING CONFERENCES IN FOUR REGIONS. TOTAL DOLS. 377,050.

(C) SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL EFFORTS INCLUDE DEMONSTRATION PLANNING PROJECT EACH REGION FOR REPLICATION ELSEWHERE, IE: COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL PLAN AND PROGRAM FOR WOMEN'S INTEGRATION IN DEVELOPMENT. THIS SCHEDULED FOR TWO PHASES: (1) IDENTIFICATION OF COUNTRIES AND PRELIMINARY VISITS ESTABLISHING INTERESTS OF GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS, CREATION OF NATIONAL MANCINERY, SECTORAL PROGRAMS AND RESEARCH, MONITORING ANE VALUATION ACTIONS; AND (2) POSTING ADVISORS EACH COUNTRY TO WORK WITH APPROPRIATE NATIONAL

BODIES ON FORMULATION OF DIAGNOSTIC STUDIES AND RESEARCH,
IDENTIFICATION CONSTRAINTS, RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES
FOR PLANNING; PREPARATION OF FIRST-STAGE PLAN FOR KEY
INSTITUTIONS AND BODIES AND BUILDING NATIONAL CAPACITY
FOR CONTINUED PLANNING COORDINATION AND ACTION AT THE NATIONAL
LEVEL. ADVISORS TO COLLABORATE WITH CSDHA/REGIONAL COMMISSIONS
NETWORK. TOTAL DOLS 368,000.

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(D) COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT INCLUDES PRODUCTION AND
DISTRIBUTION BY UNDP OF "WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT - COURSES
FOR ACTION" KITS THROUGH SUB-CONTRACTING ARRANGEMENT
UNDERWAY WITH COORDINATION OF CSDHA. RECIPIENTS TO
INCLUDE HALF OF UNDP COUNTRY OFFICES, UN AGENCIES,
BILATERAL AGENCIES AND NGO ORGANIZATIONS. OTHER MATERIALS
TO BE RE-ISSUED OR PRINTED WITHIN UN AT LOWEST POSSIBLE
COSTS; OPI AND CFSI ASSISTING; EDITORIAL WORK DONE IN CSDHA.
PUBLICATIONS INCLUDE PRINTING WORLD PLAN OF ACTION IN
SIX LANGUAGES; WOMEN IN THE UNITED NATIONS IN THREE
LANGUAGES; LAW AND THE STATUS OF WOMEN; REISSUANCE OF
THREE WOMEN'S CONFERENCES DOCUMENTS; QUARTERLY INFORMATION
ISSUE AS DEVELOPMENT FORUM, SUPPLEMENT OR ALTERNATIVE
SUCH AS NEWSLETTER. TOTAL DOLS 187,796.

(E) INITIAL CONTRIBUTION BY UN FROM VOLUNTARY FUND TO ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE. TOTAL DOLS 129,000.

4. COMMENT: ABOVE PROGRAM FOR FUND APPEARS HEAVY ON ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL AND LEAN ON SUBSTANCE. HOWEVER, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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USDEL ADVISED OF EARLIER PROPOSALS WITH MORE DIRECT RELATIONSHIP TO UN DECADE FOR WOMEN PROGRAM AND, IN OUR OPINION SOME ELEMENTS OF SIGNIFICANT VALUE TO UN AND BILATERAL PROGRAMS, AND THEIR COMMON INTEREST IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE PROGRAMMING PROCESS, PARTICULARLY DEVELOPMENT OF CRITERIA AND TOOLS FOR MEASUREMENT OF PROGRESS. THESE ARE:

(A) DEVELOPMENT/IMPLEMENTATION OF JOINT INTERORGANIZATIONAL PROGRAM AS RECOMMENDED BY THE UNGA RES 3520 (XXX, PARA 5 (?)). THIS SIX-POINT EFFORT WOULD COVER PREPARATION AND DRAFTING OF AN INTERAGENCY PROGRAM, DEVELOPMENT/ELABORATION OF THE PROGRAM IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES, A REPORT TO THE 62ND SESSION OF ECOSOC IN THE SPRING AND IMPLEMENTATION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION. FUND MONIES WOULD BE USED TO SUPPLEMENT REQUIRES CONSULTATNCY SERVICES AND CONSULTATIONS WITH AGENCIES AND REGIONAL COMMISSIONS. TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS \$18,000. IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT THE OFFICIAL PROPOSALS ABOVE INCORPORATE THIS ESSENTIAL ASPECT OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROGRAM FOR THE DECADE; IN OUR OPINION IT IS NOT INCLUDED. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT DOLS 24,000 TO 30,000 WOULD BE MORE IN LINE WITH ACTUAL COSTS OF ACCOMPLISHING THIS TASK.

(B) ASSISTANCE TO THE UN RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN MONITORING CHANGES IN THE CONDITION OF WOMEN. THIS IS A PARTICULARLY USEFUL PROJECT AND ONE WHICH COMPLEMENTS STUDIES UNDERWAY TO DEVELOP SOCIAL INDICATORS OF DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS. THE UNRISD EFFORT WOULD HAVE TWO PHASES: (1) PRELIMINARY IDENTIFICATION OF COMPONENTS AND INDICATORS TO MEASURE IMPROVEMENTS IN WOMEN'S CONDITION N THE BASIS FO EXISTING INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE OF EXPERTS; (2) STUDIES IN DEPTH WITHIN SAMPLE COUNTIRES TO DETERMINE THE ADEQUACY OF PROPOSED INDICATORS UNDER DIFFERENT TECHNOLOGICAL AND SOCI-ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES AND DERIVE NEW INDICATORS AS REQUIRED. PHASE 1 IS ALMOST COMPLETED. MOST IMMEDIATE TASKS WOULD BE DEVELOPMENT OF MOST USEFUL MEDHODOLOGIES FOR USING EXISTING DATA IN THE FORMULATION OF POLICIES AND IMPROVEMENT OF WOMEN'S CONDITIONS; AND ASSISTANCE IN

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DESIGN OF NATIONAL SURVEYS AND SELECTION OF COUNTRIES. THE CSDHA WILL OVERSEE THE LATTER TO ENSURE RELATIONSHIP TO THE CENTRE'S WORK ON INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. TOTAL COST DOLS30,000 FOR 1976 AND UNRISD BUDGET ESTIMATE OF DOLS 232,000 TO COMPLETE THE TASK.UNRISD ITSELF WOULD FINANCE DOLS 77,000 FOR PERSONNEL COSTS. IN OUR VIEW, THE RESULTS OF THIS PARTICULAR RESEARCH SHOULD BE WIDELY DISSEMINATED THROUGHOUT THE UN AND TO BILATERAL DONORS AS WELL AS NGOS INVOLVED IN OVERSEAS DDVELOPMENT. ALSO THE INDICATORS SHOULD BCECOME PART OF THE UN PROGRAM PROCESS AND PLANS SHOULD BE MADE TO CONVERT INFORMATION FOR DATA PROCESSING. USING THE FOUR COUNTRIES AS A BASELINE FOR REPLICATION ELSEWHERE, THE UNRISD EFFORT SHOULD BE SYNTHESIZED IN A MANNER CONDUCIVE TO ESTABLISHING COUNTRY-SPECIFIC INDICATORS. AS NOTED THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT HAS ENORMOUS POTENTIAL FOR THE REGULARIZING OF EFFORTS TO INTEGRATE WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT AND OBVIOUS FALL-OUT FOR GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING. IT IS PRECISELY THE KIND OF RESEARCH NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES INCORPORATE THE CONCEPTS OF INDICATORS ESPECIALLY DESIGNED TO MEASURE PROGRESS OF WOMEN IN THEIR OWN SOCIETIES.

5. SUMMARY: USDEL SUPPORTS THE EFFORTS OUTLINED ABOVE, BOTH OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL REGARDING THE VOLUNTARY FUND. LACKING INITIAL FUNDING, THE LAST TWO PROJECTS MENTIONED MIGHT NOT TAKE PLACE, AND ARE OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO BOTH THE UN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND BILATERAL DONORS, INCLUDING AID. WE SUBMIT THAT WHILE INFORMATION ON THE INSTITUTE PROGRAM IS CURRENTLY THIN, WE ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN EFFORTS TO ELABORATE ON PLANS AND ARE CONVINCED THE CURRENT 26TH SESSION F THE COMMISSION WILL BOTH RESOLVE OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND RECOMMEND A CONCRETE PLAN FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INSTITUTE. HAVING DISCUSSED THE POTENTIALS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS WITH THEIR REPRESENTATIVES WE ARE ALSO CONVINCED THAT THE SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHMENT OF NETWORKS IS THE FIRST STEP TO INSTITUTE DEVELOPMENT IN A FASHION ENVISAGED BY THE MEXICO CONFERENCE AND THE UNGA. WILL ADVISE ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN INTENDED FOR DEPT USE ONLY. CATTO
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